

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for distributing application software, comprising:

an Internet server; and

a control server for setting firewall software, comprising an application distribution unit which stores downloadable application software purchased by a user of said Internet server,

wherein the firewall software and software for downloading the application software from said control server and installing it to said Internet server are pre-installed to said Internet server.

2. A system according to Claim 1, wherein under the permission of an administrator of said control server, a third party can supply the application software to said application distribution unit in the control server.

3. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said Internet server can be specified and authenticated to download the application software.

4. A system according to Claim 1, wherein said application distribution unit can distribute not only a program for the application software but also various data such as a moving picture, a still picture, graphic data,

music, and characters.

5. A system according to Claim 3, wherein said control server further comprises a status monitoring unit corresponding to the firewall software set to each Internet server, a license issuing unit, and an application distribution unit,

the user of the specified Internet server can download and install test application-software from said application distribution unit and test it, and said user requests a license to said license issuing unit and purchases formal application software, and

monitored information which is transmitted by said status monitoring unit can be transmitted to the specified Internet server.

6. A system according to Claim 5, further comprising:
a network payment unit which is linked to a credit/payment server,

wherein said license issuing unit issues a license when checking the payment to an account of said network payment unit.

7. A system according to Claim 1, wherein a key of the firewall software is set by manually inputting and recording ID plane text and password plane text determined by an administrator of said control server to said control

server, said ID plane text and a signature encrypted by the ID plane text are informed to the user of the Internet server via transmitting means via no network, such as a hard mail and the user manually inputs and records them to the Internet server, and

information is transmitted between said Internet server and said control server by using the ID plane text, the signature encrypted by the password, and a document encrypted by said signature.